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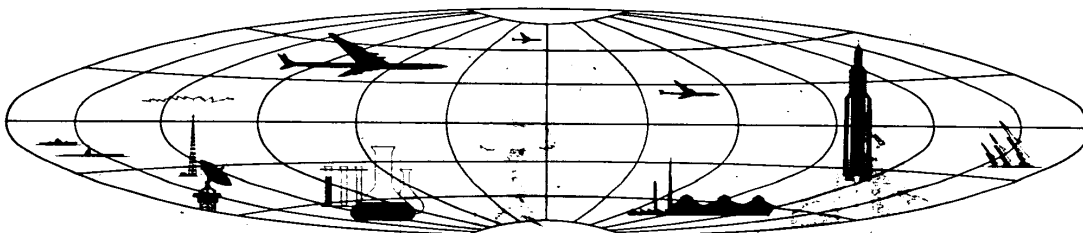
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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and Logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1a (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the Production Center 1P1a.

In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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ARMY TRAINING AREA
(39-25N 049-17E)
BANK, AZERBAYDZHANSKAYA SSR, USSR
TRANSCAUCASUS MD

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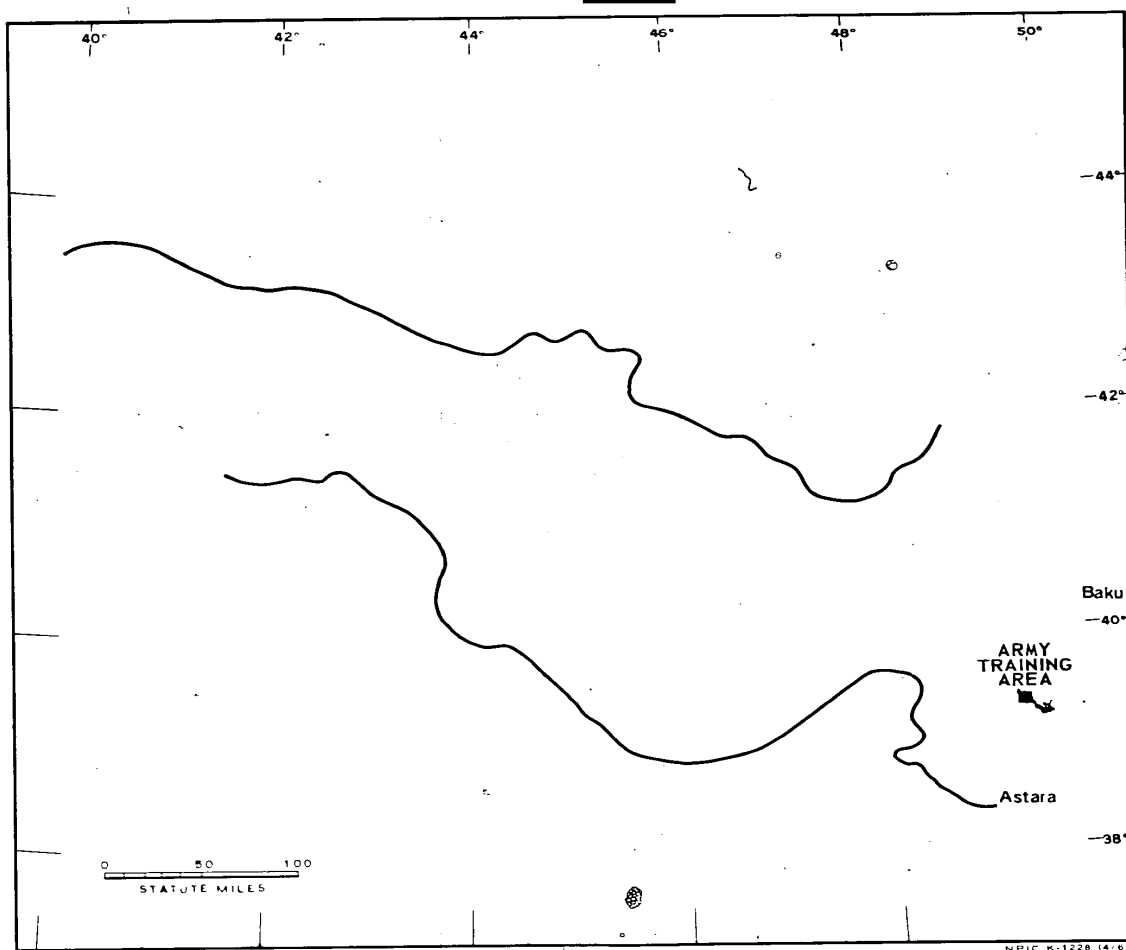


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF ARMY TRAINING AREA.

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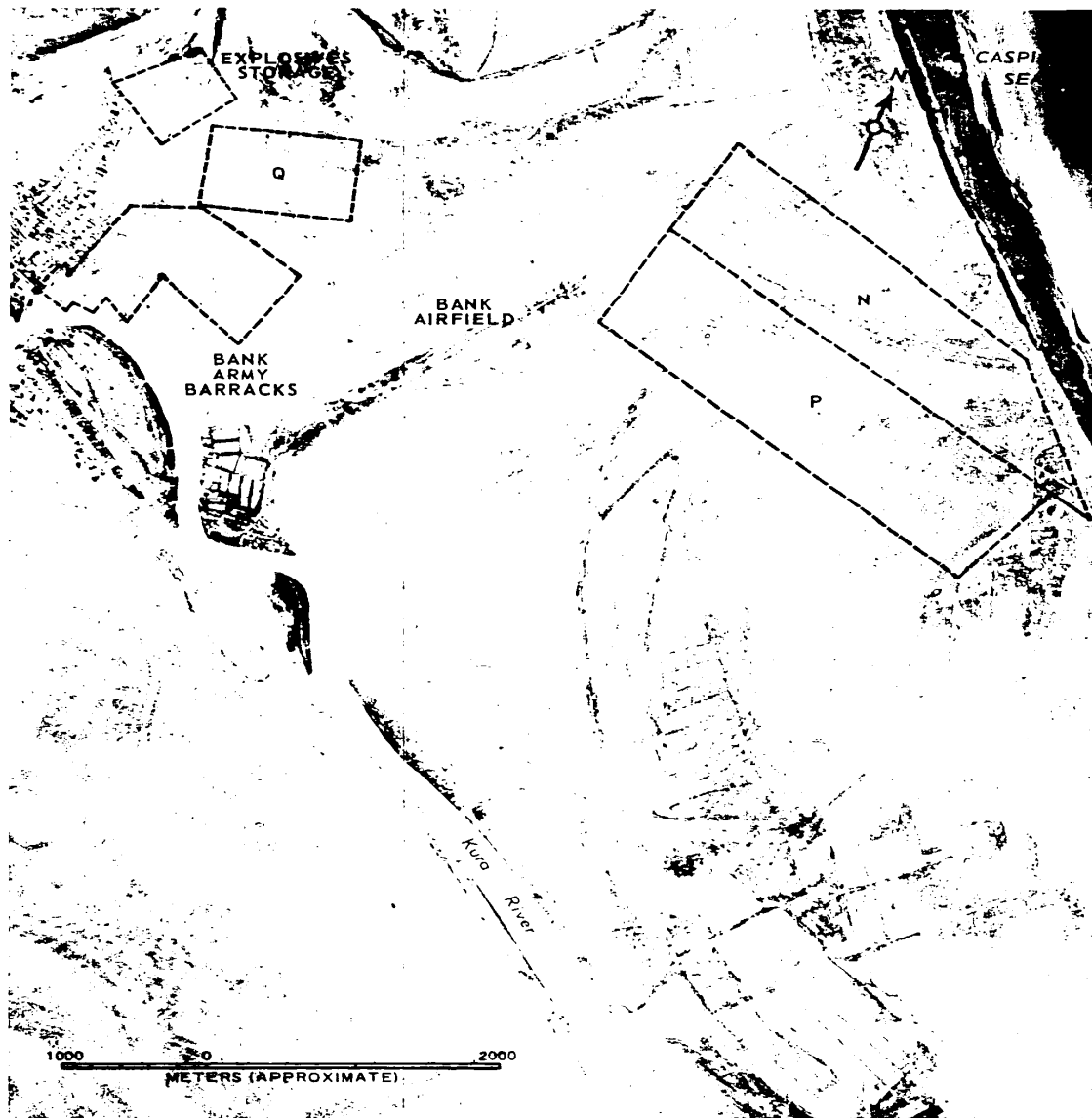


FIGURE 2. ARMY TRAINING AREA, BANK, USSR.

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SUMMARY

An army training area is adjacent to the Bank Airfield, 4.5 kilometers (km) east of Bank (Figure 1).

The installation covers 1,530 acres and contains a tank/assault-gun firing range, a flat-trajectory firing range, and 8 support buildings. (Figure 2). Four field artillery emplacements are 2.7 km west of the tank/assault-gun firing range. The Bank Army Barracks is 3.6 km west of the training area

and a secured explosives storage area containing 15 ammunition storage buildings is located 3.9 km west-northwest of the firing range.

A comparative study of KEYHOLE photography reveals expansion and increased use of the firing ranges. No change is discernible in the support facilities. The poor quality of this photography precludes a more detailed analysis.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A rail line from Salyany to Bank terminates on the opposite side of the Kura River, approximately 4.7 km southwest of the installation.

Road Service

An all-weather road provides access to Bank.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The Bank Airfield is adjacent to the firing ranges.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N contains a 4,300-foot range with 3 firing lanes (two 2,700 feet long and one 2,050 feet long), 5 moving-target runs, and 3 support buildings.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

Area P contains a 6,600-foot firing range with 3 moving-target runs and 5 support buildings.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q, approximately 2.7 km west of the firing ranges, contains a field artillery battery with 4 firing positions.

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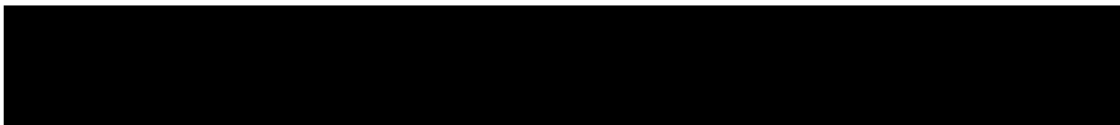
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